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FOR NSF/DR. STEVER

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PROFESSOR URSU

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1. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE CLOSEST NSF LIAISON WITH DES/KRATZER/GANLEY TO ENSURE ADEQUATE PROGRAMMING TIME AT STATE DEPARTMENT FOR NUCLEAR POLICY DISCUSSIONS. MID-AFTERNOON VISIT TO DEPARTMENT APRIL 30 MAY BE INSUFFICIENT FOR PURPOSES DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS SEPTELS FROM EMBASSY TO DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION WE BELIEVE URSU'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR FINAL DISCUSSIONS MAY 7 MIGHT EASE SCHEDULING AND PROMOTE HIS GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND RECEPTIVITY.

2. NSF CORRECTLY ASSUMES URSU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CALLS AT ERDA AND NASA. HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A VISIT TO ERDA IN ANY CASE IN CONNECTION WITH NUCLEAR COOPERATION IF DEPARTMENT SO RECOMMENDS. HE WANTS, HOWEVER, TO ACCOMPLISH OTHER ITEMS ON ITINERARY PROPOSED REFS B AND C. PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO PROGRAM ERDA VISIT ON NON-NUCLEAR COOPERATION FOR TECHNICAL ADVISORS MENTIONED REF B PARA 3. NASA COOPERATION PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY SO ONLY BRIEF CALL

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WOULD BE NEEDED IF DESIRABLE FOR PROTOCOL REASONS.

3. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, NCST SPECIAL ADVISOR ION MANZATU IS AMONG MOST LIKELY CHOICES URSU WOULD MAKE TO ACCOMPANY HIM. WE WILL ENCOURAGE THIS CHOICE ESPECIALLY IF MANZATU FREE TO REMAIN IN US TWO ADDITIONAL WEEKS TO ACCEPT LONG-STANDING IVP INVITATION ALONG LINES OF BUCH 2061, 1975.

4. FOR NSF: REPEATED INQUIRIES HAVE BROUGHT US NO CLOSER TO ELICITING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NEW PROPOSED PACKAGE FOR NSF/NCST PROGRAM. INSTEAD, MANZATU REPORTED TO SCIATT THAT "URSU WISHES TO DISCUSS THE BROAD CONTEXT OF US/ROMANIAN S&T RELATIONS WITH DR. STEVER AND OTHER WASHINGTON OFFICIALS". AS YET WE HAVE NO DEFINITE INDICATION OF WHAT THIS MIGHT MEAN.
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